

Amendments to the Claims:

The following Listing of Claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

21. (Currently Amended) A process for treating a textile fabric to enhance at least one property of the fabric comprising:

treating the fabric with an aqueous formaldehyde solution and catalyst for catalyzing a reaction between formaldehyde and the fabric; and

introducing said fabric into an air circulating oven having an elevated temperature of at least about 300°F to subject the treated fabric directly to the elevated temperature for reaction of the formaldehyde with the fabric to enhance the property of the fabric; wherein the fabric is unresinated and is provided with a silicone elastomer.

22. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 21, wherein the amount of formaldehyde on the fabric is from 0.56% to 7.4%, on weight of fabric.

23. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 21, wherein the amount of formaldehyde on the fabric is from 0.56% to 2.59%, on weight of fabric.

24. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 21, wherein the amount of formaldehyde on the fabric is from 5.55% to 6.66%, on weight of fabric.

25. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 21, wherein the composition comprises sufficient formaldehyde such that the amount of a 37%, by weight, formaldehyde solution on the fabric is from 1.5% to 20%, on weight of fabric.

26. (Canceled).

27. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 21, wherein the aqueous formaldehyde solution further comprises an elastomeric silicone emulsion.

28. (Currently Amended) A process for treating a fabric, comprising:

- (a) introducing a fabric into an aqueous solution comprising formaldehyde;
- (b) applying to the fabric an effective amount of a catalyst for catalyzing a reaction between formaldehyde and the fabric; and
- (c) heat curing the fabric under conditions at which the formaldehyde reacts with the fabric;

wherein the fabric is unresinated, is provided with a silicone elastomer, and comprises protein fibers.

29. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 28, wherein the ~~fabrie is provided with a silicone elastomer~~ aqueous formaldehyde solution further comprises an elastomeric silicone emulsion.

30. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 28, wherein the aqueous formaldehyde solution comprises sufficient formaldehyde such that the amount of a 37%, by weight, formaldehyde solution on the fabric is from 1.5% to 20%, on weight of fabric.

Claim 31 (New): A process according to claim 21, wherein a durable press property of the fabric is enhanced.

Claim 32 (New): A process according to claim 28, wherein a durable press property of the fabric is enhanced.

Claim 33 (New): A process according to claim 21, wherein the fabric contains cellulosic fibers.

Claim 34 (New): A process according to claim 21, wherein the fabric is 100% cotton fabric.